

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Xu

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For: Methods For Eliminating The Formation Of Biofilm

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Before the above-captioned application is taken up for examination, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 11, 14, 19-21, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29-31, and 33 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claim 6 as follows:

At line 1, delete "any of claims 1-5" and insert --claim 1--.

Please amend claim 12 as follows:

At line 1, delete "any of claims 1-11" and insert --claim 1--.

Please amend claim 18 as follows:

At line 1, delete "any of claims 1-17" and insert --claim 1--.

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Please amend claim 22 as follows:

At line 1, delete "any of claims 1-21" and insert --claim 1--.

Please amend claim 25 as follows:

At line 1, delete "any of claims 1-24" and insert --claim 1--.

Please amend claim 28 as follows:

At line 1, delete "any of claims 1-27" and insert --claim 1--.

Please amend claim 32 as follows:

At line 1, delete "any of claims 1-31" and insert --claim 1--.

#### **REMARKS**

This amendment is submitted to cancel claims and correct improper multiple dependent claims. Since only claims are cancelled and dependencies are altered, there is no new matter added, and entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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